IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KOIKE, Noriyuki et al. Conf.:

Appl. No.: NEW Group:

Filed: July 18, 2003 Examiner:

For: CURABLE FLUOROPOLYETHER COMPOSITION AND

RUBBER ARTICLE

## LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 18, 2003

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):

Country

Application No.

Filed

JAPAN

2002-212658

July 22, 2002

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is (are) attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By Andrew D. Meikle, #32,868

P.O. Box 747

ADM/sll 0171-0994P Falls Church, VA 22040-0747

(703) 205-8000

Attachment(s)

(Rev. 04/29/03)